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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR LE SY
SUBJECT: LEBANESE SITUATION

DEPT PASS USINT CAIRO

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1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR MIDDLE EAST AFFAIRS ROUILLON CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF, MAY 11, THAT POLITICAL DIRECTOR PUAUX HAD TAKEN OCCASION OF MAY 9 MEETING WITH SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT SYRIA WOULD NOT INTERVENE IN LEBANESE CRISIS. AMBASSADOR ASSURED PUAUX OF SYRIAN RESPECT FOR LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY BUT WAS UNABLE TO GIVE COMPARABLE ASSURANCE FOR PALESTINIAN UNITS IN SYRIA. ACCORDING TO ROUILLON, LEBANESE HAVE ASKED FRENCH TO ASK SOVIETS TO URGE SYRIANS TO EXERRCISE RESTRAINT. GOF, HE SAID, WAS NOT INCLINED TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH SOVIETS SINCE IDEA OF RESTRAINT HAD ALREADY BEEN RAISED DIRECTLY WITH SYRIANS.

2. ROUILLON ALSO INFORMED EMBOFF THAT GOF HAD TAKEN POSITION
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WITH LEBANON THAT THEY SHOULD AVOID EXCESSIVE MEASURES AGAINST PALESTINIANS. ALL OUT CAMPAIGN WOULD RISK COMMUNAL STRIFE AND INTERVENTION BY SYRIAN AND ISRAELI NEIGHBORS.

3. CONTRARY TO INFORMATION PARA 1, REFTEL, ROUILLON SAID LEBANESE HAVE ASKED FRENCH FOR ASSISTANCE AND SPECIFICALLY FOR AMMUNITION. WHILE NO FINAL DECISION TAKEN, FRENCH ATTITUDE BASICALLY POSITIVE. LEBANESE HAVE ALSO TOLD FRENCH OF SIMILAR REQUEST TO USG AND ROUILLON SAID HE UNDERSTOOD WE HAD RESPONDED POSITIVELY THOUGH PRICES REMAINED TO BE FIXED.
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